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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 334.104, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to review of advanced practice registered nurses by collaborating physicians.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 334.104, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 334.104, to read as follows:

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334.104. 1. A physician may enter into collaborative practice

2 arrangements with registered professional nurses. Collaborative practice

3 arrangements shall be in the form of written agreements, jointly agreed-upon

4 protocols, or standing orders for the delivery of health care

5 services. Collaborative practice arrangements, which shall be in writing, may

6 delegate to a registered professional nurse the authority to administer or dispense

drugs and provide treatment as long as the delivery of such health care services

8 is within the scope of practice of the registered professional nurse and is

9 consistent with that nurse's skill, training and competence.

10 2. Collaborative practice arrangements, which shall be in writing, may

11 delegate to a registered professional nurse the authority to administer, dispense

12 or prescribe drugs and provide treatment if the registered professional nurse is

13 an advanced practice nurse as defined in subdivision (2) of section 335.016,

 $14\quad RSMo.\ \ Collaborative\ practice\ arrangements\ may\ delegate\ to\ an\ advanced\ practice$

15 registered nurse, as defined in section 335.016, RSMo, the authority to

16 administer, dispense, or prescribe controlled substances listed in Schedules III,

17 IV, and V of section 195.017, RSMo; except that, the collaborative practice

8 arrangement shall not delegate the authority to administer any controlled

19 substances listed in schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, RSMo, for the

- 20 purpose of inducing sedation or general anesthesia for therapeutic, diagnostic, or
- 21 surgical procedures. Schedule III narcotic controlled substance prescriptions
- 22 shall be limited to a one hundred twenty-hour supply without refill. Such
- 23 collaborative practice arrangements shall be in the form of written agreements,
- 24 jointly agreed-upon protocols or standing orders for the delivery of health care
- 25 services.
- 3. The written collaborative practice arrangement shall contain at least the following provisions:
- 28 (1) Complete names, home and business addresses, zip codes, and 29 telephone numbers of the collaborating physician and the advanced practice 30 registered nurse;
- 31 (2) A list of all other offices or locations besides those listed in subdivision 32 (1) of this subsection where the collaborating physician authorized the advanced 33 practice registered nurse to prescribe;
- 34 (3) A requirement that there shall be posted at every office where the 35 advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to prescribe, in collaboration 36 with a physician, a prominently displayed disclosure statement informing 37 patients that they may be seen by an advanced practice registered nurse and 38 have the right to see the collaborating physician;
- 39 (4) All specialty or board certifications of the collaborating physician and 40 all certifications of the advanced practice registered nurse;
- 41 (5) The manner of collaboration between the collaborating physician and 42 the advanced practice registered nurse, including how the collaborating physician 43 and the advanced practice registered nurse will:
- 44 (a) Engage in collaborative practice consistent with each professional's 45 skill, training, education, and competence;
- 46 (b) Maintain geographic proximity; and
- 47 (c) Provide coverage during absence, incapacity, infirmity, or emergency 48 by the collaborating physician;
- 49 (6) A description of the advanced practice registered nurse's controlled 50 substance prescriptive authority in collaboration with the physician, including a 51 list of the controlled substances the physician authorizes the nurse to prescribe 52 and documentation that it is consistent with each professional's education, 53 knowledge, skill, and competence;
- 54 (7) A list of all other written practice agreements of the collaborating 55 physician and the advanced practice registered nurse;

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(8) The duration of the written practice agreement between the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse; [and]

- (9) A description of the time and manner of the collaborating physician's review of the advanced practice registered nurse's [prescribing practices] delivery of health care services. The description shall include provisions that the advanced practice registered nurse shall submit a random sample of the documentation of the advanced practice registered nurse's [prescribing practices] delivery of health care services to the collaborating physician [within] for review every fourteen days[. The documentation shall include, but not be limited to, a random sample review by the collaborating physician of at least twenty percent of the charts and medications prescribed.]; and
- (10) If the advanced practice registered nurse's practice includes the prescription of controlled substances, the charts reviewed shall include a minimum of twenty percent of the cases in which the advanced practice registered nurse wrote a prescription for a controlled substance.
- 724. The state board of registration for the healing arts pursuant to section 334.125 and the board of nursing pursuant to section 335.036, RSMo, may jointly 73 promulgate rules regulating the use of collaborative practice arrangements. Such 74rules shall be limited to specifying geographic areas to be covered, the methods 7576 of treatment that may be covered by collaborative practice arrangements and the requirements for review of services provided pursuant to collaborative practice 7778 arrangements including delegating authority to prescribe controlled 79 substances. Any rules relating to dispensing or distribution of medications or devices by prescription or prescription drug orders under this section shall be 80 subject to the approval of the state board of pharmacy. Any rules relating to 81 82 dispensing or distribution of controlled substances by prescription or prescription 83 drug orders under this section shall be subject to the approval of the department of health and senior services and the state board of pharmacy. In order to take 84 effect, such rules shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of each 85 board. Neither the state board of registration for the healing arts nor the board 86 87 of nursing may separately promulgate rules relating to collaborative practice arrangements. Such jointly promulgated rules shall be consistent with guidelines 88 89 for federally funded clinics. The rulemaking authority granted in this subsection 90 shall not extend to collaborative practice arrangements of hospital employees providing inpatient care within hospitals as defined pursuant to chapter 197, 91

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- 5. The state board of registration for the healing arts shall not deny, revoke, suspend or otherwise take disciplinary action against a physician for health care services delegated to a registered professional nurse provided the provisions of this section and the rules promulgated thereunder are satisfied. Upon the written request of a physician subject to a disciplinary action imposed as a result of an agreement between a physician and a registered professional nurse or registered physician assistant, whether written or not, prior to August 28, 1993, all records of such disciplinary licensure action and all records pertaining to the filing, investigation or review of an alleged violation of this chapter incurred as a result of such an agreement shall be removed from the records of the state board of registration for the healing arts and the division of professional registration and shall not be disclosed to any public or private entity seeking such information from the board or the division. The state board of registration for the healing arts shall take action to correct reports of alleged violations and disciplinary actions as described in this section which have been submitted to the National Practitioner Data Bank. In subsequent applications or representations relating to his medical practice, a physician completing forms or documents shall not be required to report any actions of the state board of registration for the healing arts for which the records are subject to removal under this section.
- 6. Within thirty days of any change and on each renewal, the state board of registration for the healing arts shall require every physician to identify whether the physician is engaged in any collaborative practice agreement, including collaborative practice agreements delegating the authority to prescribe controlled substances, or physician assistant agreement and also report to the board the name of each licensed professional with whom the physician has entered into such agreement. The board may make this information available to the public. The board shall track the reported information and may routinely conduct random reviews of such agreements to ensure that agreements are carried out for compliance under this chapter.
- 7. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in subdivision (8) of section 335.016, RSMo, shall be permitted to provide anesthesia services without a collaborative practice arrangement provided that he or she is under the supervision of an anesthesiologist or other physician, dentist, or podiatrist who is immediately

available if needed. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit or prevent a certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in subdivision (8) of section 335.016, RSMo, from entering into a collaborative practice arrangement under this section, except that the collaborative practice arrangement may not delegate the authority to prescribe any controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, RSMo.

- 8. A collaborating physician shall not enter into a collaborative practice arrangement with more than three full-time equivalent advanced practice registered nurses. This limitation shall not apply to collaborative arrangements of hospital employees providing inpatient care service in hospitals as defined in chapter 197, RSMo, or population-based public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150-5.100 as of April 30, 2008.
- 9. It is the responsibility of the collaborating physician to determine and document the completion of at least a one-month period of time during which the advanced practice registered nurse shall practice with the collaborating physician continuously present before practicing in a setting where the collaborating physician is not continuously present. This limitation shall not apply to collaborative arrangements of providers of population-based public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150-5.100 as of April 30, 2008.
- 10. No agreement made under this section shall supersede current hospital licensing regulations governing hospital medication orders under protocols or standing orders for the purpose of delivering inpatient or emergency care within a hospital as defined in section 197.020, RSMo, if such protocols or standing orders have been approved by the hospital's medical staff and pharmaceutical therapeutics committee.
- 11. No contract or other agreement shall require a physician to act as a collaborating physician for an advanced practice registered nurse against the physician's will. A physician shall have the right to refuse to act as a collaborating physician, without penalty, for a particular advanced practice registered nurse. No contract or other agreement shall limit the collaborating physician's ultimate authority over any protocols or standing orders or in the delegation of the physician's authority to any advanced practice registered nurse, but this requirement shall not authorize a physician in implementing such protocols, standing orders, or delegation to violate applicable standards for safe medical practice established by hospital's medical staff.
 - 12. No contract or other agreement shall require any advanced practice

registered nurse to serve as a collaborating advanced practice registered nurse for any collaborating physician against the advanced practice registered nurse's

166 will. An advanced practice registered nurse shall have the right to refuse to

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